

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A latex turbidimetric immunoassay method for lipoprotein(a) having several phenotypes, wherein the method comprises the steps of adjusting the amount of an antibody against the lipoprotein (a) added to an assay system and adding basic amino acid to the assay system.

17. (New) The meth according to claim 16, wherein the amount of the antibody added is greater than or equal to 0.16 mg/mL in a reaction solution at the time of the antigen-antibody reaction.

18. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein the amount of the antibody added is from 0.16 mg/mL inclusive in the reaction solution at the time of the antigen-antibody reaction.

19. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the amount of the basic amino acid added is greater than or equal to 15% by weight in the reaction solution at the time of the antigen-antibody reaction.

20. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the amount of the basic amino acid added is from 15% by weight to 17% by weight inclusive in the reaction solution at the time of the antigen-antibody reaction.

21. (New) The method according to anyone of claim 16, wherein the basic amino acid is arginine.

22. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the lipoprotein(a) is measured on a molecular basis.

23. (New) The method according to claim 16 wherein the antibody is polyclonal antibody.